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The United States Postoffice Department insist that our paper shall not be sent to subscribers who do not pay up. We appreciate the fair treatment given us in the past by our subscribers and now ask that you show your appreciation of our paper by settling your account. We give the Missouri and Kansas Farmer with our paper for the price of ours alone. The Farmer may be sent to a separate address.

Taxpayers Should Help.

Every taxpayer can be of great assistance to the deputy assessors if he will prepare a list of his personal property which he owned March 1 and have it ready when the assessor comes. In listing stock a separate list of those of each year of age should be made and also of those which are classed as fat cattle separate from others. The list should include every item of personal property which the owner knows to be taxable. If this list is carefully prepared it will save the taxpayers and the assessor a great deal of time and bother.—Russell Reformer.

The Methodist conference of this district, the northwest, meets at Salina from March 25th to 30th and preparations are being made for a great time.

There are four districts in Kansas, this one organized by Bishop Warren twenty-six years ago, and now contains 180 ministers. Many take their wives with them so several hundred Methodists are expected. On Thursday and Sunday the services will be held in the city's big convention hall, Bishop Warren delivering the Sunday morning sermon.

In all the Catholic Churches last Sunday was read the new marriage regulations of that church, as laid down by the Pope at Rome, and it goes into effect at Easter. It declares civil marriages of Catholics illegal and also if either are not Catholics it prohibits their marriage in the church. The edict says:

"No marriage will be valid unless it is performed by a priest duly authorized and before at least two witnesses.

A marriage performed between two Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic, by a civil magistrate, notary public or Protestant minister will be null and void. Hitherto such marriages were valid.

No marriage will be licit unless it is performed by the pastor of the bride, or by a priest delegated by him or the bishop of the diocese.

Those of the faithful who are of a marriageable age, or who may be contemplating marriage in the near future, should secure positive and correct information as to the date and the place of their baptism."

The plates for the pictures of Hays, Yocemento and Ellis and farm scenes in the county that are to be used in the Souvenir Book that this office issues next month have arrived, and show fine work of the Denver engravers. The book shows pictures of our schools, churches, residences and stores, hotels and business blocks and streets, the Experiment Station and Normal School, of Yocemento and several of our improved farms and will be on sale at some of our stores.

High School Items.

The tenth grade have begun the study of Hamlet.

The members of the Athletic Association are now practicing baseball and tennis.

The Freshmen class have completed the Idylls of the King and are now reading the Merchant of Venice.

The experiment with the electrical machine in the Physical Geography class last Monday was not only instructive but afforded much amusement.

The Hindu who lectured at the Baptist Church Friday night announced his lecture to the high school in a manner that caused much merriment.

Louise Hopkins, who went to St. Louis for an operation for appendicitis, is rapidly improving and hopes to be able to return to school by the first of April.

Professor Hoenshell, who visited us last year, honored us in a like manner Wednesday morning. His remarks to the school were forceful and inspiring. The most slothful must have caught a glimpse of the opportunities that come to those who are "up and doing."

Advertising and active business should not be regarded as an extra expense, but as a fixed charge, like rent, heat or insurance. The owner of the property pays part of the charge because he doesn't receive any more rent if your business is increased thereby. You do not pay any more insurance or electric light bills, even if your trade be doubled by the new custom that your publicity brings to you. Suppose you spend \$100 to \$200 a year in advertising—it lets people know the special good you have received and are offering at low prices. It brings customers, it keeps the clerks busy and naturally the more sales bring some profit. Does the customer or the merchant pay the cost of that advertising? Absolutely not; and permit me to show you why not: The landlord stands part of the expense, because he does not receive any more rent. The salesmen in the second instance stand for part of that expense, because they receive only a slightly larger percentage in wages or salaries, although they sell three times as much merchandise. The electric light and the coal companies pay part, because they do not receive any more money for the extra trade. The non-advertiser saves the money he'd spend in lost trade!

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We never tire of helping others when they ask for good job printing. We can tickle the most exacting typographic appetite. People who have partaken of our excellent service come back for a second serving. Our prices are the most reasonable, too, and you can always depend on us giving your orders the most prompt and careful attention. Call at this office and look over our samples.

Removed—T. A. Hickman announces the removal of his jewelry stock to the first door west of Citizens' State Bank. 19-1t

Engraved visiting cards and steel die embossing at the FREE PRESS office.

The Hiawatha World, published by Ewing Herbert, late president of the State Editorial Association, last week had this notice: "The World will accept the advertisements and announcements of candidates for all offices. No difference what politics, space will be sold as desired. Any Democrat may have the same rights granted Republicans. Members of all parties may secure space in the World at usual rates. It is your fight, pitch in. Editorial space will not be sold. The editor reserves his own opinions and will vote and think and act as he pleases, like any other World reader should do, but all parties are welcome to use the World's columns to advertise principles or candidacy on payment of advertising rates."

This is correct and has been the Free Press way for years. Our paper is read by voters of all parties. Many take no other paper and any candidate can publish his articles at usual advertising rates. In politics the paper lets every man have his say the same as any business man. Because a grocer or a drygoods man, a hardware or a druggist tells that his goods are the best or lowest in price, it is for the readers to go and see, and get what is best for them. The FREE PRESS is a NEWSPAPER, not any party or business organ. Its space is for sale to one and all, and in the new political way of the primary, it is best to let everybody know you are a candidate early, as the blank the voter signs says: "And I further declare that I intend to support the candidate herein named," so it is best to let all know you are in the race so they will sign for no other.

They Didn't Keep Foolskin.

A young student entered one of our stores the other day and asked to know if they kept "foolskin" paper. "Young man" replied the merchant, "you seem to have an abundant supply; just reach for the top of your head."

The Saturday Afternoon Club.

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays will meet with Mrs. Sarah Fields Saturday Mar. 28th. Program will be rendered as follows:—

TALE OF TWO CITIES:—Dickens
Collect
Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
Book Talk—Miss Macintosh
Miscellaneous Business

Normal Notes.

Bear in mind that the students under Prof. Matthew will render Hamlet in their new auditorium May 29th.

The first number of the school paper, The Western Normal Leader, was issued this week.

The Y. W. C. A. are meeting every Tuesday afternoon and are having successful meetings.

Baseball will soon commence in earnest and several good games are being arranged for here this Spring and basketball has been laid on the shelf for the year.

We hope to have a good tennis club this season and will fix up our grounds in good shape.

Boating will prove one of the recreations for afternoons this Spring for the students, the dam keeping a good flood of water for a mile course.

The splendid weather all winter has allowed Contractor Clark to put up the stone work and enclose both wings of our new building, so the inside work can now be rushed to completion.

The new term commences March 30th and next week will bring lots of new students to enroll, while many of the former students are expected to come back.



You are respectfully invited to call at our office for the purpose of examining samples and taking prices of Engraved Calling Cards, Invitations, etc. Our work the best, styles the latest and prices the lowest.



Additional Locals

Wheat fields are showing up beautiful and green.

The new Cowan building is now being sided with iron to make it fire proof.

Farmers should note the new ad of Cochran & Sons of Plainville in another column.

Thursday was a big church day with the Catholics and the school children were given a vacation.

On Thursday evening Mrs. Geo. Griffith entertained a few friends at dinner in compliment to Mrs. McLelland.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. William Philip was christened on Thursday evening in the presence of relatives.

S. P. Garrigue of Utica with his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Emmerson, is here on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Wheatcroft.

Miss Pearl Joslin has finished a successful term of school in the Solomon district and will enroll at the Normal the coming term.

Work on the new bridges on the Saline has commenced and the thump of pile-driver can be heard in the echoes of the canons.

Mrs. Joslin and daughter Pearl, who have been living for some time on the Wm. Philip rancho on Big Creek, have moved back to their house in town.

At the Russell revival meetings the past three weeks, over 750 persons were converted and over \$2000 taken in to pay the expenses of the meetings.

The telephone man of Russell has purchased one of the "Indian" motor cycles and can now get to a location to repair the lines or phones in short order.

Justus Bissing and wife are arranging to make a three months visit in Italy, Russia, etc. and will leave in about a month. H. W. Oshant received their passport this week.

George Worth of Schoengen returned Wednesday evening from Kansas City, where he had taken his daughter to be operated on for appendicitis. The operation was successful.

Mr. Gustavson, relative of Chris and Will Pederson, has arrived from Iowa with his car of implements, stock, etc. and moved to his farm on sec. 21-12-18 on the Plainville road near the Joy place.

Beautiful monuments have been prepared by Beach & Richmond for the graves of George Schoendaller buried in our cemetery, also for his father and mother in Rush county, all three monuments being made alike.

The homeseekers low rates have brought many to western Kansas, even as far as Hugo, Colorado. The faster the west settles the better it will be for Ellis County, as we have had our turn of being the frontier.

The present petition to get on the Primary election ticket reminds old time Populists of the election when they nominated their county candidates by just such a primary, when honest old John Gerken was the sheriff nominee.

L. H. Boyd of Russell, was here this week visiting friends. While here he had Charlie Binder take up the bodies of his sister and child who died here about twenty years ago, and took the remains to Russell, to bury in their family lot.

Last week Harry Freese advertised a Logan county farm to trade for Hays property and Saturday Mr. Morgan, the Logan county man, came here and traded for the McVey-Howard place on east side of town and will soon move here with his wife and four children to school his children.

For the next few weeks many strangers will be in town, many new people bringing their children to the State Normal. Let everyone clean up around the front and back of their houses and have the yards looking nice. Let us keep up our reputation as one of the prettiest little cities in Kansas.

In the democratic ranks there is already several aspirants for Register of Deeds, for Attorney and no doubt there will be for the other offices. It is reported that Patsy Deane will enter the race for Representative and Fred Miller for Sheriff. This year it is a free for all who get up a petition.

Buildings for Sale.

My house, sheds, granary, hog-wire, barb-wire and fence posts on my farm near the bridge west of Hays are for sale. T. J. PICKERING. 19-1tx

Farmers' stationery at low prices at this office.

¶ We are pleased to announce that our Spring and Summer styles in Pattern Hats and Millinery Novelties are now ready for the inspection of our patrons and friends, and it would afford us much pleasure to have them call.

Kathryn M. Deane

Have your printing done at the FREE PRESS office.

H. H. Pierce is adding another room to his cottage on East Normal Avenue.

An accidental fire on Thursday burned down the house of George Rohr in Wheatland Township.

The LaCrosse Republican brings out Harry Grass for State Senator of that district, to succeed F. Dumont Smith, who has held the office sometime.

T. J. Pickering has bought a 160 acre farm three miles west of Wakeeney and will move there in the spring. Our people will regret to see him go as he is a good farmer.

In every school are some shouters for a visiting club of athletes, but the Salina Wesleyan Business College don't fancy it, so last week the students ducked one of these shouters in the Smokey river until he promised to be good and now he will be in the band wagon every time.

The Luray Herald gives this bouquet to our bank: "The Citizens State Bank of Hays advertises very effectively the greatest institution in the town—the State Normal School. On all its bank checks there is printed a well-worded reference to the Western Kansas State Normal."

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, Mar. 3rd. When calling for same please say "Advertised."

C. E. Wharton,
Peter Boland,
Lewis Hiatt.

H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

Baptist Church.

A. E. GOODMAN, Pastor.
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Service.
6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Harry Freese has several small houses for sale cheap.

Church Notes

Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Subject: "House to Let"
3:00 p. m. Catechetical Class. Topic: "The Lord's Prayer"
7:00 p. m. C. E. Prayer Meeting. Topic: "The Wise Use of Influence"
8:00 p. m. Public Worship. Subject: "Air Castle"
7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Mid week Prayer Meeting at the home of Mrs. John Goodall.

You are cordially invited to all the services.

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Service.
6:30 p. m. C. E. Service.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.
You are cordially invited to all these services.

Last Sunday was election day in the Presbyterian Sunday School. Miss Belle Sutton, who has served so long and so efficiently as superintendent, at her own request, was very reluctantly released for a rest spell and Prof. Harry L. Kent was elected in her stead. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered Miss Sutton for the unusually good service she has given the school for the past several years. Clarence Smith was elected assistant superintendent; Miss Lizzie Troth was re-elected Secretary; Henry Myers, treasurer, Miss Sophia Dickinson, organist and Prof. Shively, choirster.

Methodist Church.

M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Junior League 3:00 p. m.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Preaching Service 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 7:30 p. m.

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